

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 208 - HB 167

February 1, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes persons 72 years of age and older to be excused from jury duty upon showing proof of age to the local jury coordinator.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Potential jurors must be at least 18 years of age, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-1-101.
- According to 2015 United States Census Bureau population data, on average, 72 percent of county populations are between the age of 18 and 70 years of age.
- According to the Annual Statistical Report published by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the average number of jury trials conducted in criminal and circuit court was 28 per county from 2014 to 2015.
- Persons called for jury duty may already be excused from service for a variety of reasons, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-1-103.
- The number of citizens 72 years of age and older who will request to be excused from jury duty and the number of jury trials that will be conducted annually in each county is unknown. Mailing of additional summons may be required to account for individuals removed from jury duty in some counties; however any fiscal impact to local governments is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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